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Mel not happy on the home front

# Oilers, longtime coach part ways

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**The Mac-T era is over in the City of Champions. After failing to get his team into the playoffs for the last three years, Craig MacTavish will no longer be head coach of the Edmonton Oilers after a "mutual agreement" was made with the organization, said Oilers GM Steve Tambellini.**

"This is the right thing

for Craig and the right thing for the Oilers at this point," said Tambellini.

"We need a new voice, we need a new start, we need new expectations, we need discipline and it's time to look forward."

The Oilers finished with a record of 38-35-9 this season, good enough for 11th spot in the Western Conference, but far short of a berth in the playoffs.

But MacTavish was the first coach to take the Oilers to the Stanley Cup fi-

nals since 1990, although it ended with a seventh game loss to the Carolina Hurricanes in 2006. It was the team's last playoff appearance.

MacTavish was NHL's third-longest-serving coach. He notched a career record of 301-252-103 in his

eight-year tenure with the copper and blue.

"I know he is a quality coach and I know he is going to be successful, and I thank him for his commitment to be a true Oiler," said Tambellini during a hastily assembled press conference yesterday.

"He gave everything

that he possibly could to make this team better, but we both agree that it is time for a change."

Tambellini warned more changes are in store over the next few months to bring new faces into the team's dressing room and ditch players who lack emotion on the ice.

"We have to find a way to get better, not status quo," said Tambellini. "I hope the (players) feel some accountability."

Oilers defenceman Steve

Staios said he wasn't surprised by the move, and expects more changes are on the way.

"With the success that we've had over the last few years, you know there's going to be changes and it's usually the coach that goes first," Staio said.

"I'm not really that surprised considering where we've been in the last few years and there will be more changes to follow. It's just part of the business."

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### The power of potions for love

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#### GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.



**HOMES.** Why a growing number of people are unplugging their refrigerators. Page 10.

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**FOOD.** Barb Holland presents an eco-gastronomical — and very Canadian — recipe. Page 11.



**TOMORROW MOVIES.** Think you know the planet you live on? Then you may be surprised when you see Disney's Earth.



Afghan Shi'ite women, in favour of a new family law, protest during a demonstration in Kabul yesterday. Afghans staged rival demonstrations for and against the law, which opponents said would revive the cruel treatment of women of the Taliban era.

## Afghan women cheer, condemn controversial law

**KABUL** Afghan women staged rival demonstrations yesterday for and against a new family law, which opponents call as a step back towards the oppressiveness of the Taliban era but supporters say defends Islamic justice.

Separated by human chains of female police, and

watched by wary riot control officers, the two groups lined up outside a new Kabul Shi'ite mosque built by a powerful cleric who helped draft the contested law.

The legislation — which applies to the Shi'ite minority that makes up about 10 per cent of Afghanistan's population — has drawn

widespread condemnation from Western countries, many of whom have troops fighting to support Afghanistan's government.

"We don't want the Taliban law," read one banner waved by the group of about 50 women opposing the law. They handed out a declaration calling the leg-

islation an insult to their dignity.

But the law's opponents were outnumbered by its supporters. More than 100 women marched out from the mosque shouting "God is Great" and waving banners backing "Islamic Justice."

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## North end of West Edmonton Mall evacuated after gas leak

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A foul smell wafted over shoppers at the greatest indoor show on earth yesterday, after construction crews punctured a gas line in the north end of the West Edmonton Mall while making repairs to the parking lot.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the mall yesterday at 1 p.m. after the line was punctured.

Customers were evacuated, first from Zellers at the north end of the mall, then from the Bay.

EMS were on scene, though no injuries or medical complications were reported as a result of the leak.

Hazmat crews deemed the mall safe for re-entry around 2:30 p.m.

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# Local



## Seized items finding good home

Despite grumbling complaints from airport patrons who fall victim to seized liquids at security, staff are making it all worthwhile by donating collected unopened toiletries to the Leduc Food Bank. The charitable organization is seeing a 100 per cent increase in demand over last year, and are in desperate need of donations. Seized items at the airport weigh in at a whopping 250 pounds every day.

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## Parks and Recreation

with Amy Poehler

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# Pool to take shallow dive?

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**Administration is looking to save the city's bottom line by shutting down the Scona Pool and making transit users pay at LRT park-and-ride lots.**

During a presentation to city council yesterday, city manager Al Maurer told council that the city could

save \$80,000 this year and up to \$400,000 each year after by closing down the indoor pool, which includes a hot tub and a sauna.

Maurer said the pool, located at 10450-72 Ave., has seen its usage drop considerably.

Transit users who park their vehicles at LRT stations can also expect to pay a \$3 fee, said Maurer.

**"This is certainly not a new concept."**

Al Maurer

"This is certainly not a new concept across the country," said Maurer, who told council the new fees could bring in another \$440,000 a year.

"From what we are aware of, this will not have any implications on trans-

sit," he added.

Coun. Kim Krushell had some problems with the plan, saying the new parking fees could make people think twice about using transit.

"It's kind of counter-intuitive," said Krushell. "You want people to take transit, and then you charge them a fee to park there."

Mayor Stephen Mandel

said the city must trim the "fat" to deal with a looming \$35-million drop in revenues, and this includes trimming numerous levels of management positions.

Administration hopes to save \$6 million through a list of measures that also includes eliminating a retainer to ensure the city has enough staff to plow the roads during a snowstorm.

## Strathcona death non-criminal

**AUTOPSY** The death of a Strathcona County woman found near a snowy walking path has been deemed non-criminal.

The 51-year-old victim was discovered around 6:30 Tuesday morning, laying without shoes beside the park of Mills Haven Elementary School in Sherwood Park.

An autopsy was conducted yesterday morning. Further toxicology testing will be conducted at the Medical Examiner's Office, the results of which won't be calculated for two to three months. The name of the victim is being withheld at the request of the family.

# Transgenders trying to transform opinion

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**COURTS** Despite a small victory at the Alberta legislature this week, a group of transgendered Edmontonians say their battle has just begun.

A dozen climbed the stairs of the human rights commission office yesterday and filed individual complaints in protest of the provincial decision to axe funding for gender reassignment surgery.

"Unless there is something written in stone that says people will be getting funded, they're screwed," said Sarah King, 33, in response to Health Minister Ron Liepert's promise the province will fund sex-change operations for 46 already-approved cases.

King filed a complaint yesterday, and is considering a class-action lawsuit and plans to sue the province to recoup costs associated with her gender reassignment, which will cost upwards of \$100,000.

She added the financial burden is impossible to bear, because she expressed concerns whether decent employers would



Josephine Cross, along with other transgendered people and their supporters, approach the offices of the Alberta human rights commission at 10405 Jasper Ave. yesterday. The group was filing human rights complaints against the provincial government.

hire a transgendered person. She said de-listing is a calculated political move

by a government that doesn't consider surgery a medical need.

"It's devastating to be

seen by society as one way," said 39-year-old Michelle Drinkell. "But every time you hop in a

shower or look in the mirror, you see it staring back at you that it's not the case."

## Police warn public over census scam

**CRIME** The city is warning residents not to give out personal information to people claiming they are census workers over the phone.

The city says it has received a number of reports that people are posing as city census workers over the phone.

Real workers would never call households over the phone.

If residents are called by someone over the phone claiming to be a census employee, they are asked to call the Edmonton Police Service at 780-496-8008.

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What's online today.

**Video** Robert Dziekanski's mother marks her son's birthday by laying flowers at the Vancouver airport at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Lotteries**

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**Dad can't wait to see found daughter**

A Montreal father says news that his daughter has been found safe in Vancouver more than two years after her disappearance is like "a gift from God." Frank Gonis said police told him Friday they had located his daughter, Ashley Gonis, 10, at a SkyTrain station in the neighbourhood of East Vancouver. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada



## Iggy talks tax hikes

Canadian Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff allowed yesterday for the possibility of raising taxes after the recession is over if all else fails to eliminate federal budget deficits. "No honest politician faced with an \$80-billion deficit will take anything off the table because Canadians do not want — they're allergic to — long-term structural deficits," the Liberal party leader told reporters in Niagara Falls, Ont.

REUTERS

## Push for private care misleading: Groups

Coalition says only owners of centres benefit

**Taking direct aim at Canada's top doctor who's the owner of a chain of private diagnostic centres, a coalition of pro-medicare groups says Canadians are being "misled" about the benefits of privatized care in hopes of lulling them into accepting for-profit services.**

The coalition yesterday launched a national campaign to counter such efforts, charging that men like Canadian Medical Association president Robert Ouellet will be the only ones to benefit from privatization.

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**"Dr. Ouellet is presenting a false picture of health care in European countries that misleads Canadians about the threat to public health care posed by private for-profit services."**

Michael McBane, Canadian Health Coalition

vate for-profit services," Michael McBane, head of the Canadian Health Coalition, told a press conference in Moncton, N.B.

"It has to be said, this doctor is in a conflict of interest" by promoting a bigger role for private care while owning private clinics, McBane said in a phone interview after the press conference.

Since becoming CMA president last summer, Ouellet has promoted a

"European" style of health care mixing public and private delivery. Contacted yesterday, Ouellet said 60 per cent of surgeries in France, for instance, are done in private facilities but paid for by government.

"This is not just small surgeries, heart surgery is done this way," he said from Montreal.

"The public doesn't see the difference."

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## Natives to discuss abuse with Pope

**MEETING** Canada's aboriginal community hopes Pope Benedict XVI will acknowledge the abuses inflicted on native children at residential schools run by the Catholic church, a top official said yesterday.

Phil Fontaine, leader of the Association of First Nations, is due to meet the Pope at the Vatican on April 29 to discuss the schools.

Canada formally apologized last year for an assimilation policy that forced 150,000 aboriginal children into boarding

### Church control

- Catholic churches ran around 75 per cent of the residential schools, which mainly operated from the 1870s to the 1970s.

schools far from home, where their languages and cultural traditions were banned, and where many said they were sexually and physically abused.

"It is my fervent hope that this Papal audience will include a statement

from Pope Benedict to all survivors of Indian residential schools," Fontaine told a news conference.

"We also hope the statement will reference the role that the Catholic Church played in the administration and operation of the schools, and the impact it had on our survivors and communities ... this is a moral issue for many of us."

In May 2006, Canada reached a \$1.9 billion settlement with the roughly 90,000 school survivors.

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## Ottawa Goodall visits Canada



Renowned primatologist, environmentalist and UN Messenger of Peace Dr. Jane Goodall speaks at a press conference at Parliament Hill yesterday while National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine looks on. Goodall and Fontaine announced a partnership, the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots global youth action program for First Nations communities across the country.

## Ex-PM got free cash: Schreiber

**INQUIRY** Karlheinz Schreiber says he handed Brian Mulroney envelopes stuffed with \$1,000 bills three times over an 18-month period, even though he says the former prime minister had done nothing to earn it.

The German-Canadian businessman Schreiber told a public inquiry yesterday he struck a deal with Mulroney just before he quit as prime minister in June 1993 to lobby for a Thyssen AG proposal to build German-designed light-armoured vehicles in Canada.

"I paid him for his future services," Schreiber, 75, told the inquiry,

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## Police raids target Hells Angels

**CRACKDOWNS** A massive police operation targeted 156 people in early-morning raids yesterday aimed at disrupting suspected Hells Angels drug and gang activity in Quebec and New Brunswick, CBC News Online reports.

The RCMP and Quebec provincial police said about 1,200 officers from several police forces were involved in 177 early-morning raids and search warrants, most in Quebec. Police said they had warrants for 156 people, but wouldn't confirm how many. Police were tight-lipped about other details, but RCMP Insp. Richard Emery said the operation should send a "strong message."

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## Feds oppose Cuba rejoining OAS

**POLITICS** Canada said yesterday it opposes moves to let Cuba rejoin the Organization of American States because of what it said was Cuba's lack of commitment to democracy and human rights.

Several Latin American countries including Brazil have said Cuba should be allowed to rejoin the 35-member OAS. It was kicked out in 1962 because the OAS judged Cuba's Communist system to be incompatible with the group's principles.

"Cuba's return or even-

### Business ties

- Despite its position on Cuba rejoining the OAS, Canada has active diplomatic, travel and business ties with the Caribbean country.

tual return — if they're willing — will obviously depend on Cuba's will to address hemispheric norms of participation, including representative democracy and respect for human rights," Canadian spokesman Dimitri Soudas said.

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# Green claims often misleading: Report

**Just two per cent of the growing number of self-proclaimed green products on store shelves make completely legitimate claims on their labels, a report by consulting firm TerraChoice Environmental Marketing said yesterday.**

The remainder commit "greenwashing" sins, that is they mislead consumers about the environmental benefits of a product or the practices of a company, said TerraChoice, which runs the Canadian government's eco-labelling program and counts companies as di-

verse as Canon and Husky Energy among its customers.

The number of green products available in stores surveyed by TerraChoice increased dramatically between 2007 and 2009, the report said, and marketing claims became more cre-

ative.

TerraChoice increased its list of greenwashing sins this year to seven from six, adding "worship of false labels" for marketers who mimic third-party environmental certifications on their products to entice consumers.

Other sins in the report include lack of proof, vagueness, irrelevance and outright lying. Products that make environmental claims and are sold in big box stores in the United States, Canada, Britain, and Australia were surveyed.

"The good news is that

the growing availability of green products shows that consumers are demanding more environmentally responsible choices and that marketers and manufacturers are listening," said TerraChoice chief executive Scott McDougall.

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## Has Adoption Touched Your Life?

**On June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened.**

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**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER** that if you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, your information and privacy rights are changing.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit [www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo](http://www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo) or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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## Judge's statement sparks controversy in kirpan case

**COURT** In a case that threatens to once again thrust Quebec's uneasy accommodation of religious minorities into the spotlight, a judge has hinted that nationality indeed played a role in a 13-year-old Sikh boy being charged with brandishing his ceremonial dagger in a dispute with some schoolmates.

"If the three boys had the same nationality, and the same faith, this case would not have ended up before the court," youth court justice Gilles Ouellet said in

granting the boy an absolute discharge yesterday.

The boy, who cannot be named, was acquitted of assault with his kirpan dagger, which Sikhs normally keep discreetly sheathed. Ouellet, however, found the boy guilty of using his hairpin in the assault, but by discharging him freed the boy from a criminal record.

The judge's remarks didn't sit well with Crown prosecutor Sylvie Lemieux, saying "I don't think those comments were appropriate."

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## Short sentence for killer upheld

**ONTARIO** By handing what amounted to a one-day prison term to a man who admitted strangling a pregnant sex-trade worker, an experienced Ontario trial judge fashioned a "just sentence" that in no way devalues the victim's life, the province's highest court ruled yesterday.

In a 3-0 decision yesterday, the Ontario Court of

Appeal rejected arguments that the prison term imposed on Wayne Ryczak — 30 months on paper — was outside the range of appropriate sentences for manslaughter, adding the decision to credit him generously for time in pre-trial custody is entitled to "considerable deference" on appeal.

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**13-year-old boy accused of robbing bank**

A 13-year-old boy who police say was caught red-handed a block away was accused on Tuesday of robbing a bank in Peoria, Ill. **REUTERS**

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# World

## 11 pirates detained

French navy seizes ship off Kenyan coast

**The French navy detained 11 Somali pirates yesterday who tried to seize a Liberian-flagged merchant ship, and other pirates released a Greek-owned vessel captured in March, officials said.**

Heavily armed pirates from lawless Somalia have been increasingly striking the busy Indian Ocean shipping lanes and strategic Gulf of Aden, capturing dozens of vessels, hundreds of hostages and making off with millions of dollars in ransoms.

The French frigate Nivose captured the pi-

### EU operation

• The French navy is in the region as part of "Operation Atalanta," the European Union's anti-piracy mission that also involves German, Spanish and Italian forces.

rates' mothership, which was carrying two small assault boats, some 900 kilometres east of the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Tuesday, the French Defence Ministry said.

The Nivose, deployed to

prevent attacks in the gangs' widening hunting grounds off the coast of Somalia and neighbouring Kenya, tracked the pirates after its helicopter thwarted an attack on the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia.

In Athens, the Greek Merchant Marine Ministry said the Saint-Vincent-flagged cargo ship Titan and its 24 crew were freed by their Somali captors yesterday.

An official who declined to be named said the ministry had no information whether a ransom had been paid. **REUTERS**

### U.S. Anti-stimulus protests



People wave signs at a "tea party" protest on the grounds of the Colorado state capitol in Denver yesterday. Protests were held in many U.S. cities, inspired by the 1773 Boston Tea Party rebellion against British colonial taxes, which helped spark the American revolution. The crowds demonstrated against taxes, government bailouts and U.S. President Barack Obama's budget proposal.

### News in brief

**IRAN** U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday the United States welcomes dialogue with Iran but has not dropped or added any conditions on a nuclear deal with Tehran.

**INFLUENZA** Scientists in Hong Kong and the United States have identified a synthetic compound that appears to be able to stop the replication of influenza viruses, including the H5N1 bird flu virus. Their finding was published in the latest issue of the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry.

**REUTERS**

## Thai ex-PM urges king to help end conflict

**UNREST** Thailand's ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra yesterday urged King Bhumibol Adulyadej, seen by many Thais as semi-divine, to help end the political chaos that has erupted in violent protests.

Thailand has revoked Thaksin's passport, saying he helped instigate the unrest from his self-imposed exile. His supporters forced the cancellation of an Asian summit last

weekend, and two people were killed in the violence in Bangkok.

"I have urged his majesty to intervene. He is the only person that can intervene in this incident, otherwise the violence will become wider and also the confrontation would be more and more," Thaksin told broadcaster France 24.

The king is widely respected by Thais, whatever their political affiliation.

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**Britain marks 20th anniversary of Hillsborough tragedy**  
Britain commemorated the tragedy, in which 96 soccer fans died, with a memorial service at Liverpool's Anfield stadium yesterday. **REUTERS**

## Ireland raises bar for immigrants

**Ireland will tighten immigration rules for professions ranging from midwives to fund managers in a bid to shield local jobs in a deepening recession, Deputy Prime Minister Mary Coughlan said yesterday.**

Coughlan, who is also minister for trade and employment, acknowledged immigrants played a key role in Ireland's "Celtic

Tiger" boom, but she said rules governing work permits and green cards had to be tightened after a dramatic deterioration in the labour market in recent months.

Starting from June, Ireland will not grant any new work permits for domestic workers and truck drivers or for anyone earning less than 30,000 euros (\$47,600) a year and it will also tight-

en rules for renewals and workers' spouses, it said.

The measures apply to those from outside the European Economic Area.

Ireland is also making a range of professions ineligible for green cards including midwives, economists, investment fund professionals and hedge fund specialists, except for those earning 60,000 euros or more, it said. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**JERUSALEM** Israel does not plan to co-operate with a UN agency's investigation into alleged war crimes by Israeli troops and Hamas militants during fighting in Gaza.

**CANCER** A new imaging technique that uses tiny, dye-containing particles to "fingerprint" proteins within a single cell may lead to better ways to diagnose and treat cancer, according to U.S. researchers. **REUTERS**

### U.S. troops make strides

**AFGHANISTAN** An influx of new U.S. troops near Kabul this year is helping to reclaim the Afghan capital's outskirts from the Taliban, but violence would increase in the short-term, the U.S. commander in the area said.

The U.S. has rushed about 3,000 troops to Logar and Maidan Wardak provinces to defend the capital's borders this year, the first phase of a planned

increase that will almost double the U.S. presence in the country.

For years the areas near Kabul were quiet, with little presence of either U.S. troops or their foes.

But Taliban fighters moved into the provinces last year, bringing the militants to the capital's edges in substantial numbers for the first time since they were driven from Kabul in 2001. **REUTERS**

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## Comment

## Trust and bonding in the spritz of a bottle

### Relating

Steve Collins

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As scientists continue to scrutinize human relationships at the molecular level, marketers do the same thing they've always done with each new discovery.

Example: The hormone oxytocin, which is believed to contribute to human

bonding and feelings of trust. Women produce it during breastfeeding and orgasm.

In a recent University of Bristol study, test subjects were dosed with either an oxytocin nasal spray or a placebo, then shown a series of photographs of people and asked to rate the faces.

"We found that oxytocin administration increased ratings of trustworthiness and attractiveness of male and female targets in raters of both sexes relative to control ratings, suggesting that higher levels of this neuropeptide may enhance affiliative behaviour towards un-

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familiar others," the authors wrote, possibly in a state of profound excitement. It's hard to tell.

The profit-minded read stuff like this and register only two words: Love potion! Indeed, there is already a spray on the market purporting to harness the power of oxytocin, Vero Labs' Liquid Trust. It sells for \$50 a bottle, enough to render you irresistible for two months. They're so confident it

works they offer a 60-day, money-back guarantee. Trust us, they say. And, once hopped up on oxytocin, how could you not?

The good people at Vero don't judge. Whether you're using their magic trust juice to boost your love life or your monthly sales, they know that in today's go-go world there's no time for the tedious process of actually earning trust. Just spray and go. Putative aphrodisiacs have a long and undistinguished history, and hucksters have been working on pheromonal versions for years. While it could be argued that such biological so-

cial warfare is no more manipulative than cologne or teeth-whitening strips, spiking a potential mate's brain chemistry seems a little more insidious.

Ethical considerations aside, one would think that the wearer would be as susceptible to the spell of oxytocin as anyone else, walking around in a blissed-out cloud of indiscriminate attraction.

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But what would happen if everyone used it, flooding the neurochemical market with ersatz love? Would we still recognize the real thing? Would the real thing still exist?

Did it ever?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

## Views

## Learn to save or learn to like dog food

### InBusiness

Charles Davies

It would be nice to believe economists who say this recession is fundamentally changing Canadians, making them spend less and save more. After all, there's been a recent decline in credit card use and a rise in the personal savings rate. In the fourth quarter of 2008, people were saving 4.7 per cent of their disposable income on average,

the highest level since 1995. Profligate grasshoppers appear to be turning into thrifty ants.

Don't believe it. Canadians are more than likely to resume their extravagant ways. The reckoning may be put off until a wave of baby boomers retires to the horror of lingering indebtedness.

Sure, credit card use is slipping right now, but it isn't just because card holders have been scared into temporarily spending less. Credit card issuers, primarily the big banks, are restraining market growth because they fear that delinquencies will

mean surging losses on their credit card portfolios. Losses on Canadian credit cards rose above three per cent of average balances during the third quarter of 2008 (the seventh straight quarterly rise) and it's a fair assumption that things are worse now.

But once the recovery takes hold, banks and other issuers will aggressively market cards again because they're so lucrative. As of this January, the outstanding credit card balances of Canadian banks totalled \$52 billion, more than five times greater than a decade ago.

Expect compulsive

spending disorder to recur, weakening our already recessive savings gene. The recent blip in the personal savings rate cannot mask the fact that it has been falling steadily since the 1980s. Canadians have ample reason to save. Public pensions are modest and company pensions hardly provide adequate retirement income.

Either they develop some serious savings discipline, or acquire a taste for Alpo.

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**8** The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it plans to be back at the bargaining table with Chrysler Monday to resume talks that have been stalled since the beginning of April. **REUTERS**

# Business

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## Conquest shuts down Travel company blames volatile market

**The country's beleaguered travel industry has suffered yet another casualty after Conquest Vacations suddenly shuttered its operations yesterday, citing difficult market conditions and "unreasonable demands" by its credit card processing firms.**

Conquest surprised analysts and angered affected travellers by revealing on its

website yesterday morning that it had ceased operations "effective immediately" after 37 years of selling holiday sun packages to Canadians weary of winter. Conquest, which at one time said it was carrying more than one million passengers per year, blamed overcapacity in the market, a price war among major tour operators and "unrea-

sonable demands" by credit card processing companies.

On its website, Conquest directed customers seeking claims or refunds to contact their travel agents. If they booked directly through Conquest, they were instructed to email the company or get in contact with their credit card providers.

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### Business in brief

**HOUSING** Resale house prices in Canada fell 7.7 per cent in March from a year earlier, but sales rose seven per cent from February, the Canadian Real Estate Association said yesterday. The average home price in Canada was \$288,641, while 31,135 homes were sold.

**CONTROVERSY** Fast food giant Burger King has apologized for an advertisement featuring a squat Mexican draped in his country's flag next to a tall American cowboy and said it would change the campaign after a complaint from Mexico's ambassador to Spain.

**WIRELESS** Cellphone makers are expected to report buoyant sales of lower-priced, feature-packed smartphones as consumers go for "cheap chic." Nokia is set to report strong sales of its cheap touch-screen 5800 smartphone today with its quarterly results. **REUTERS**



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**Canuck third in Belgian cycling race**

Dominique Rollin of Canada finished third yesterday in the Scheldeprijs/Grand Prix de l'Escaut cycling race in Belgium. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



**Dice-K to DL**  
Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a mild right shoulder strain. Matsuzaka didn't make it to the second inning Tuesday against Oakland, giving up five runs and five hits on 43 pitches.  
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## Crosby, Malkin and Pens pound Flyers

**STANLEY CUP  
2009 Playoffs**

**Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 26-of-27 shots, as the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-1, in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference quarterfinal series in Pittsburgh last night.**

Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby each posted a goal and one assist for the Penguins, who have won five of the last six playoff meetings against the Flyers dating back to last season.

Tyler Kennedy and Mark Eaton also tallied for Pittsburgh, which won four of six regular-season meetings against Philly.

Simon Gagne picked up the lone goal for the Flyers, who avoided being blanked in back-to-back

playoff games. Fleury and the Pens closed out the 2008 Eastern Conference finals with a 6-0 rout in Game 5 last May 18.

Martin Biron allowed all four goals on 33 shots in defeat.

Game 2 is scheduled for Friday in Pittsburgh.

**N.Y. RANGERS 4, CAPITALS 3**

Brandon Dubinsky scored the go-ahead goal with a little more than eight minutes left in the third period and the New York Rangers held on to edge the Washington Capitals, 4-3, in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at Verizon Center.

Scott Gomez registered a goal and two assists, while Nik Antropov and Markus Naslund each had a goal and a helper for the seventh-seeded Rangers, who finished the regular season in fourth place in the Atlantic Division with a 43-30-9 mark.



Joffrey Lupul of the Flyers is stood up by Hal Gill of the Pens.

Henrik Lundqvist was solid between the pipes, turning aside 32-of-35 shots for New York, which was playing without cap-

tain Chris Drury, who is suffering from an undisclosed injury.

**DEVILS 4, HURRICANES 1**

**96** Career post-season wins in net by Martin Brodeur

Zach Parise and Jamie Langenbrunner had a goal and an assist each, as New Jersey logged a 4-1 victory against Carolina in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series from Prudential Center.

Patrik Elias and Mike Mottau, who had just one goal over 80 games this season, also scored, while Martin Brodeur nearly notched yet another career milestone, stopping 18-of-19 shots in blanking the Hurricanes over the opening 49-plus minutes.

Brodeur notched his 96th career playoff win, second all-time to Patrick Roy (151).

Brodeur needs just one shutout to tie Roy for the all-time lead in postseason whitewashes at 23.

The third-seeded Devils outshot Carolina 39-19.

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**Sports in brief**

**NCAA** New Florida International University basketball coach Isiah Thomas will donate his first year's salary back to the university and not take payment. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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L.A. Angels at Seattle  
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers

For a full recap of game 1 of the Blues-Canucks series, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**MLB A tribute to Jackie**



The New York Mets wear No. 42 in honour of Jackie Robinson Day prior to their game against the San Diego Padres last night. All Major League Baseball players wore Robinson's No. 42 yesterday as a tribute to him on the 62nd anniversary of breaking Major League Baseball's colour barrier.

## Ronaldo responds

**UEFA** Cristiano Ronaldo's brilliant early goal sent holders Manchester United through to the Champions League semi-finals with a disciplined 1-0 win over Porto on Wednesday.

Ronaldo

Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his highlight-reel goal.



smashed in an unstoppable 40-yard shot after six minutes and United hung on to become the first English team to win in Porto, their 3-2 aggregate victory setting up a last-four clash with Premier League rivals Arsenal.

In other action, Arsenal romped into the semifinals to face Man U with a 3-0 defeat of Villarreal to seal a 4-1 aggregate victory. **REUTERS**

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# Getting by without your fridge

**Andrea Peloso unplugged her fridge two years ago, turning it into a storage cupboard instead.**

The 31-year-old Toronto college professor, yoga teacher and committed environmentalist has always done her best to take care of Mother Earth.

"I have never bought a car, I bike and use transit. I teach 22 yoga classes all over the city and can use public transit five times a day. I don't have a television. I live in a small apartment."

One day, she looked around her and thought, "What about the refrigerator?"

She's not the only one. Around the world, environmentalists are asking the question: Do I really need a honking big refrigerator eating up energy and increasing my carbon footprint?

Ditching the fridge has



become the latest badge of honour for those who think green.

Just Google "living without a refrigerator" to see dozens of websites and blogs detailing people's adventures, including a sailor who lives on his boat and eats food from tins, and a "greenpa" who claims to live in a cabin in the forest and who has been without a fridge for 30 years.

One young woman posted a picture of herself in front of her open, unused fridge — she was afraid to call the landlord to repair it because she had an illegal cat in her apartment. She survived a year without a fridge by keeping her pop on the windowsill, on-

## No fridge not for everyone

• Andrea Peloso, who is single, is not suggesting living without a fridge for everyone. Friends with children, she of-

fers, say it would be impossible to feed a gang every day this way.

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ly buying food for one day — and eating out a lot.

One blogger details his fruitless search for a cheese that can withstand the heat. Others fess up: They became vegetarians in order to overcome the difficulty of keeping meat and dairy items safe to eat.

As anyone who has undergone a kitchen renovation can attest, you can operate a household a long time with only a camping cooler and bags of ice.

Although Peloso has turned her fridge into cupboards for her pickled and canned goods, she does use ice (and sometimes snow) in the freezer part

of her fridge, which is where she puts beer for her guests and where she also keeps foods that need to be kept cold.

For Peloso, this is actually her second stab at living without a fridge. The first time was when she lived in Paris 10 years ago as a university student studying philosophy.

"We had one fridge for 300 people and no one wanted to put their food in it because other people would eat it. In Paris, the markets were everywhere; we'd buy meat and cheese every day. We'd put things in the window to stay cool." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES



"All I really use is my stove. Maybe that's my next step," says Andrea Peloso, who has cut her electricity bill to less than \$20 a month.

# Urban farmers learning to grow their own

EMMA E FORREST  
Metro World News



**FOOD** As food prices rocket and household budgets are

cut, people are looking to grow their own, not just in the countryside, but in town too.

Urban farmers are sprouting as readily as

weeds in our cities, making use of every patch of green space.

According to the British Royal Horticultural Society, sales of fruit and vegetable seeds in the U.K. have jumped by 28 per cent in the last year, and Guy Barter, head of the RHS Horticultural Advisory Service,

says that the majority of inquiries have been from those with less than 10m squared to cultivate.

"People hope

to save money, but they also hope to get fresher, tastier produce, show their children where food comes from, and be more involved with the food they eat," explains Barter.

At the U.S. seed company, Burpee, sales of vegetable seeds have increased by 30 per cent in the last year, with gardeners favouring green

beans, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, carrots, cucumbers and squash.

Growing your own is economical: Burpee estimates that a \$3 bag of tomato seeds will produce an average of up to \$1,000 worth of store-bought tomatoes.

Cultivating your own fruit and vegetables is also good for the environment as it's organic (unless you choose to use pesticides), it reduces food transport miles and the more varieties of plants in town, the better it is for essential local wildlife — including bees.

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# Food

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# Canadiana in a pastry cup

On Earth day, think local produce, the slow food movement and our national treat

**À la carte**

**Barb Holland**



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As we celebrate Earth Day next week, our thoughts turn to the upcoming growing season as many are itching to get out and prepare our gardens for planting. There is a "growing" interest in planting, harvesting and enjoying our own vegetables.

Beyond our own gardens, Farmer's Markets will be soon be opening, generally on Victoria Day weekend across the country, just as the first of the early greens, rhubarb and asparagus make an appearance.

So too is there an interest in the slow food movement. Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization that was founded in 1986 to counteract fast food and the disconnect many people have between farm and fork. It encourages shopping local, supporting the community, reducing carbon footprint and making connections from farm to table.

Always making those connections is culinary activist Anita Stewart. Her latest book, *Anita Stewart's Canada* (HarperCollins Canada) celebrates



Butter tart recipes are an oft-debated recipe. What type of sugar? Corn syrup? A splash of vinegar or lemon? Nuts, raisins or neither? There are likely as many butter tart recipes as cooks.

Canada from coast to coast through food, recipes and stories. And one of the most celebrated foods in Canada has to be butter tarts.

According to Stewart, "Since the turn of the last century, recipes abound for it in almost every Canadian cookbook, but you won't find a reference for this noble tart in the Oxford Companion to Food or in the American reference book *Food Lover's Companion*. Friend and historian Mary Williamson is an expert on butter tarts. She

notes the earliest reference was in a cookbook compiled by The Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie in 1900 and it's merely named 'A filling for tarts.' For farm women, two essential ingredients, eggs and butter, were in abundance. And Canada, when these tarts were invented, was a farming country."

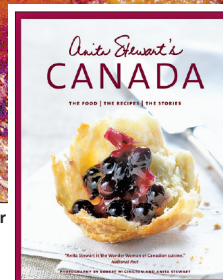
### Peggy Morris's Amazing Butter Tarts

From Anita Stewart's *Canada*, Peggy Morris and her husband Edmund

farmed northwest of Elora in Peel Township, Ont. Anita enjoyed Peggy's butter tarts many times over the years and asked for her recipe. Makes 18 tarts.

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup (250 mL) raisins
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) corn syrup
- 1 cup (250 mL) packed brown sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) melted butter
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped walnuts
- 18 Sweet Tart Pastry



shells

**METHOD:**

In a small bowl, cover raisins with boiling water. Let soak for 20 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, corn syrup, brown sugar, butter and nuts. Stir in raisins. Pour evenly into prepared tart shells. Bake in preheated 450°F (220°C) oven 5 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F (180°C) and open door slightly for 15 to 20 seconds to bring tempera-

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ture down rapidly. Bake for 15 minutes or until bubbling and deep golden brown. Let cool for 10 to 15 minutes before removing from the pan.

**Sweet Tart Pastry****INGREDIENTS:**

- 2½ cups (625 mL) sifted cake-and-pastry flour
- ¼ cup (60 mL) granulated sugar
- ½ tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1 cup (250 mL) chilled unsalted butter
- ¾ cup (175 mL) ice water

**METHOD:**

In a bowl, sift together flour, sugar and salt. With a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs. With a fork, stir in ice water, ¼ cup (60 mL) at a time, until the dough can be gathered up into a ball. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Flour a rolling pin and the top of the dough. Divide dough in half.

Roll out one piece of dough, dusting with flour as needed, to about ¼ inch (3 mm) thick. Using a cookie cutter, cut into approximately 4-inch (10 cm) circles and press gently into muffin or large tart pans. Repeat with remaining dough.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.



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# East meets West in Everyday Indian

In her new book, *Everyday Indian: 100 Fast, Fresh, and Healthy Recipes*, Bal Arneson introduces healthy, easy and delicious recipes that showcase the mouth-watering flavours of India.

Her cooking style is rooted in a small village in Punjab, Northern India, where she was raised. Equipped with the knowledge imparted to her by her mother and elders, Bal has created contemporary Indian recipes that use easily accessible ingredients, and can be prepared by any home cook.

Metro got a hold of this recipe from the book:

## Tandoori Quesadillas

Every time I ate a Mexican enchilada I always wondered how it would taste if I filled it with tandoori chicken. So I went to the ethnic aisle of a local grocery store and bought myself a nice jar of tandoori paste, came home, tried this recipe, and loved it. So far, anyone who has tried these has absolutely



Tandoori Quesadillas from *Everyday Indian* by Bal Arneson.

loved them. Brad keeps hinting that he'll make this finger food himself and serve it with cold beer. I am still waiting for that day. Makes 18 pieces.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) grapeseed oil
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated garlic
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated ginger



- ¼ cup (60 ml) tandoori paste
- 1 lb (450 g) boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into small bite-sized pieces
- ½ cup (120 ml) low-fat plain yogurt
- 6 large whole wheat tortillas
- ¾ cup (180 ml) grated

mozzarella cheese

### METHOD:

Place the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat and sauté the onion, garlic, and ginger for 3 minutes. Add the tandoori paste and cook for 1 minute. Add the chicken and cook until it's almost cooked through, about 8 minutes. Add the yogurt and cook until the chicken is completely cooked through, another 2 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place one tortilla on a baking sheet and spread one-third of the chicken mixture on it, spreading it evenly over the entire tortilla. Sprinkle ¼ cup of the mozzarella cheese overtop and cover with another tortilla.

Repeat with the remaining ingredients. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 3 to 5 minutes.

Cut into 6 wedges with a pizza cutter and serve with any of my chutneys (recipes available in the book, pages 28 to 35).

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## Canadian Living recipe of the month



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## Baked Sausage-Stuffed Shells

### INGREDIENTS:

- 16 jumbo pasta shells (half 340 g pkg)
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 each onion and sweet green pepper, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb (500 g) mild Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 2 cups (500 ml) bottled strained tomatoes
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- Pinch salt
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) grated Parmesan cheese

and garlic until softened, about 6 minutes. Transfer to bowl; stir in sausage, egg and parsley. Place heaping 1 tbsp (15 ml) in each of the shells. Arrange in greased 8-inch (2 L) square glass baking dish.

In bowl, stir together tomatoes, oregano and salt; spoon over stuffed shells. Sprinkle with mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; cover and bake in 425°F (220°C) oven for 20 minutes.

Uncover and bake until cheese is golden and an instant-read digital thermometer inserted into centre of shell registers 160°F (71°C), about 10 minutes.

### METHOD:

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta until tender but firm, about 14 minutes. Drain.

Meanwhile, in skillet, heat oil over medium heat; cook onion, green pepper

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## Liquid Assets

Peter Rockwell

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## Battle of the Bobs

I'd hoped that after *Sideways* hit theatres in 2004 (with its blend of grapes, gripes and full frontal male nudity) we'd see

more flicks about wine. No such luck. There was nary a glass on screen until last year's release of *Bottle Shock*.

Now out on DVD it's the feel-good tale of a mid-'70s tasting that pitted the best chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon from France against their perceived equivalents from California's Napa Valley. It ends (spoiler alert!) with the American's kicking the cork out of the French.

What makes it even more fun to watch at home

is that you can taste along with the movie's theme of New World vs. Old World (and not break the bank) by focusing on the grapes rather than the specific (and very expensive) wines competing in the film.

Try this red option. Screen it while you have a battle of the Bobs: California's Robert Mondavi's 2006 Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon (\$18.95 - \$19.99) against France's Robert Gi-

raud's 2006 Château Timberlay (\$15.75 - \$19.20) merlot and cabernet blend.

Both are all about ripe fruit, broad flavours, balanced tannins and a love for grilled meats. Play the disc, taste them side by side and see which turns your corkscrew.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.



## Local Savour

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**Glamour's best dressed list**

British pop singer and television star Cheryl Cole was crowned the world's best dressed woman by Glamour magazine, beating last year's winner Kate Moss into second place. Also in the top five was U.S. actress Blake Lively. **REUTERS**

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# Style



## Tote your Earth Day message

Wear your environmental message on your shoulder with one of Old Navy's new cool and colourful reusable totes. Choose from a variety of fun slogans like "I love boys who recycle," "Hug a tree," and "Conserve your earth." The totes are \$14.50 each. Also in support of Earth Day (April 22), the popular clothing retailer will offer "green" boxers, organic cotton baby suits and trendy tees, all under \$20. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Eco-accessorizing

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- Naturally breathable and hypoallergenic, bamboo-fibre fabric is also a sustainable resource which grows sans chemical pesticides or fertilizers and is 100 per cent biodegradable. Shop: Mark's Work Warehouse bamboo socks, \$9.99/2-pack.

- Toronto-based jewelry designer Dandi Maestre has a passion for organic shapes and natural materials such as shed antlers, driftwood, shells and bone, all found in shores, rivers, jungles and forests around the world. Shop: Dandi Maestre coconut cuffs, \$230 each, stackable bone and horn rings, \$75 each, dandimaestre.com and select Holt Renfrew stores.

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- A purse hook keeps your beloved bag off the dirty floor. The hook part swivels to slide flat into a purse pocket until you need it. Shop:

Purse hook, \$24, eco-handbags.ca. This one's made with recycled metal and rubber.

- Artisans with Nugard Designs make jewelry and decorative ornaments using traditional weaving techniques and organic Golden Grass, which grows in the northwest of Brazil and is a main source of income for local area communities. Shop: Nugard Designs sculpted grass earrings with 14-karat gold earwire, \$164.30, anthropologie.com.

- Toronto-based designer Chrys Ioannou uses vintage elements from German, Japan, Czech Republic, France and the US for many of her jewelry pieces.

Shop: Red vintage glass earrings, \$12, chrysidesignsjewelry.com.



Timberland Earthkeepers Benin Ballerina deck shoe, \$100, at Sporting Life.



Roots Source Bamboo, 50 mL, \$49, roots.com.



Jack & Marjorie Clementine clutch, \$110, jackandmarjorie.com.



Bamboo socks, \$9.99/2-pack, Mark's Work Warehouse.

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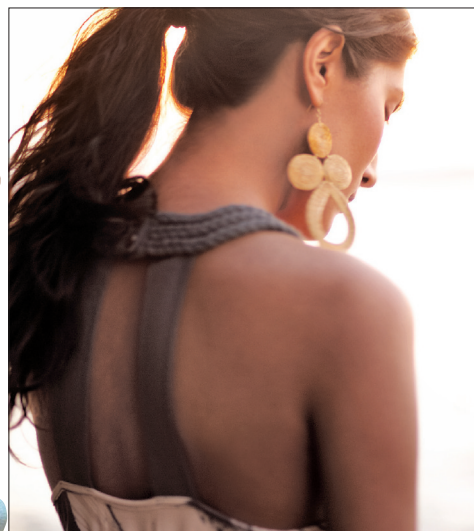
- Organic leather, vintage ticking fabric and a kiss-lock clasp make the made-in-Canada Jack & Marjorie Clementine clutch, \$110, a winning piece. Available at jackandmarjorie.com.

- Calgary's Rexcana Studios uses old truck tarps in many of their designs. Their Los Angeles Tote, \$110, also has a recycled-tire bottom and is lined with cotton. Available at eco-handbags.ca.

- For their Earthkeepers line, Timberland selects recycled materials, organic cotton and leathers from a

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Nugard Designs sculpted grass earrings with 14-karat gold earwire, \$164.30, anthropologie.com.

constructed using renewable energy, 50 per cent post-consumer waste and carbon-neutral printing. Fragrances include Red Tea and Bamboo for women, 50 mL, \$49, roots.com.

Bone and horn rings, \$75 each, at Holt Renfrew.



Red vintage glass earrings, \$12, chrysidesignsjewelry.etsy.com.

## New celebrity fashion series

**TELEVISION** Bravo has green-lighted a celebrity version of a Project Runway-style show and has a new project for Work Out star Jackie Warner.

The network is set to announce Launch My Line at its "upfront" programming presentation to advertisers next Tuesday.

Originally titled Celebrity Sew Off, the series features a group of famous faces vying to launch their own clothing line. Each contest-

ant will be paired with a fashion design expert who will help realize the celebrity's creative vision.

Bravo also will unveil Jackie's Gym Takeover, which combines the business-makeover format of the network's Tabatha's Salon Takeover and the star of its docu-soap Work Out. In each episode, gym owner Warner will use her experience to whip gyms back into shape.

**REUTERS**

## Style in brief

**MILAN** Alessandro Dell'Acqua has quit as designer at Italian fashion house Malo less than a year after taking the role at the firm, which is in special administration trying to avoid bankruptcy.

In a statement, Malo's owner IT Holding said the brand's in-house creative team would design the collections from the spring/summer 2010 season onwards. Dell'Acqua's first collection for Malo was the spring/summer 2009, shown in Milan in September.

**REUTERS**

**JOHANNESBURG** Designers defied the global economic crisis at this season's South African fashion week by showing off vibrant outfits with hints of tradition inspired by a golden era of African civilisation.

Stoned Cherrie, South Africa's best-known black design label, closed fashion week in Johannesburg with bold colours and fabrics reminiscent of royalty, influenced by the ancient Mapungubwe civilisation from southern Africa.

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## Together again

This season unites handbags and shoes

### Handbag, meet your long-lost sibling, footwear.

It's been a long time since shoes and bags have paired up in matching colours and materials. But this spring, the two are about to be re-acquainted, trotting out together harmoniously as a perfectly matched set.

Back in 1997, a little bag named the Fendi Baguette struck out on its own and became a sensation, a move that sparked the phenomenon of the "It" bag.

Soon other designer bags were doing solo shows with oversized logos, heavy hardware and a riotous mix of gewgaws. Suddenly every season, there seemed to be a new "It" bag. And designers and retailers quickly learned that this exciting, sexy category gave new meaning to the phrase "moneybags," as it filled company coffers. Shoes were, well, left trailing behind.

Helping to widen the gap between shoes and bags was a weekly fashion "magazine" called Sex and the City, a show that celebrated maximalist fashion —

clothes and accessories that revelled in a mix-it-any-which-way and pile-it-all-on exuberance. It sparked a way of dressing in which no one wanted anything that even remotely matched. It looked modern and showed confidence to play mixmaster.

Then came the backlash against "It" bags. Customers grew tired of the rapid turnover, the exorbitant prices and the scarily authentic-looking knock-offs. As fashion went looking for the next "It" thing, shoes stepped forward from the wings like an understudy waiting for a moment in the spotlight.

And what a performance it was. In the past year, shoes rose to outlandish heights, figuratively and literally. Heels were skyscraper-high, architecturally sculpted and fantastically surreal.

Shoes were items whose very existence was based on functionality, but the question of whether you could walk in them became irrelevant. When models — people who walk for a living — were tumbling like

bowling pins on the runways, it looked like the incredible shoe gig might be up.

The slowing economy expedited the trend away from all this exuberance. In just the past few months, the world has become a different place. And fashion has realized that a single outfit can only support so many outrageous accessories. Women are weary of the mashup.

So, as we enter more frugal times, the pendulum is swinging back to looks that are polished, pulled together and co-ordinated for today's sober reality.

Once again, handbags and shoes are ready to share the limelight as ensemble players.

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### FlareFashion



Lisa Tant

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## Flashy pearls of fake wisdom

### This season, ladylike pearls get punk'd.

As this fashion classic makes a return engagement, those creamy-coloured beads are the size of gum balls, strung on thick silk ribbons or intertwined with cascades of punkish chains. This is not your grandmother's necklace.

"Pearls used to be a love token. Your husband gave you pearls or your grandmother bequeathed you her pearls," says vintage costume jewellery connoisseur Carole Tanenbaum. "But the love token has been pushed aside and the rock star of pearls has emerged."

And, like the star they have become, they are gloriously, fabulously fake and begging to be noticed.

If you had to zero in on the moment when faux pearls were poised for a comeback, it would have to be last summer's blockbuster chick flick Sex and the City. Retailers and designers sat in cineplexes to see what their four favourite fashionistas were wearing. And there it was, looking suddenly new and fresh on Carrie, who was



Necklace with pendant, \$30, Aldo Accessories.

wearing a long strand of pearls in

an insouciant way — to bed. Sure enough, by the time September and October rolled around and designers were showing their spring/summer 2009 collections, tricked-out faux-pearl necklaces were seen on several runways, from Luella Bartley in London to Moschino in Milan to Alber Elbaz at Lanvin in Paris.

But props must be given to Elbaz for diligently giv-

ing pearls a makeover. For the past several seasons, ever since he wrapped his pearls in tulle and strung them on a necklace, the designer has been working the pearl necklace in increasingly innovative yet delectably ultra-feminine ways. This season, his pearls are strung on his trademark thick silk ribbons.

Fashion's newest "It" girl seemed to have picked up a penchant for pearls, too.

Michelle Obama's necklaces have been anything but the traditional dowager kind favoured by past first ladies.

Her pearls have included a simple strand of ping-pong-sized balls and a heavily, multi-strand necklace by jewellery designer Tom Binns.

Everyone has fallen in love with pearls again, it seems.

"I can't tell you how many we've sold for spring. It has been crazy," says jewellery designer Rita Dobberstein, whose line, Rita D., is also sold in the U.S. and Europe.

Inspired by the '40s, Dobberstein mixed giant pearls with cascades of chains for a look that she calls "punk meets Mad Max with a bit of rock 'n' roll."

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## Pretty prognosis for Doc Martens

**TREND** Look who's back and in a pretty, docile mood.

Dr. Martens, the boots that found favour with skinheads and other anarchists in the early '80s, have been making a comeback for some time now.

But this spring, these romper-stomper boots are in touch with their feminine side and getting all girlie.

Not just in pastel colours, they are positively bucolic in wallpaper-floral flocking.

Creator Dr. Klaus Maertens should be pleased. He did invent these boots, with the air cushion after he hurt his foot in a skiing accident — a much gentler

context before they became synonymous with anti-establishment style.

Doc Martens 1460, eight-eye boots, \$159.99 at [neonclothing.ca](http://neonclothing.ca).

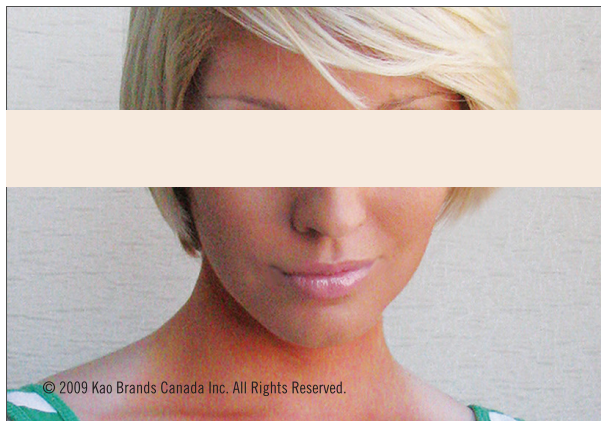
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NASA has refused to name a room on the international space station after Stephen Colbert after he won a contest, but the government agency said Monday that it will name a high-tech treadmill after the Emmy winner instead. [EONLINE.COM](http://EONLINE.COM)

NASA gives Colbert a workout

# Entertainment

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## Page goes pop

Ellen Page's Wikipedia entry says the Academy Award-nominee will voice-guest on The Simpson's on May 3 as a pop star called Alaska Nebraska.

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## McClelland disc perfect for summer



SHOOTER RECORDS

### Melissa McClelland

Album: Victoria Day

Label: Six Shooter/Universal

Rating: ●●●●½

**NOW'S THE TIME** to stock up on summer albums for those long drives to the cottage, and Melissa McClelland's latest deserves a top spot on the iPod. The Hamilton-based songstress delivers a lush collection of layered country tunes and orchestral jazz-tinged numbers, all delivered in her spectacularly honeyed voice. While it's not Earth-shattering stuff — she plays it fairly safe on most tunes — it's still a comprehensive and moving listen. This album is a bonus for fans of Luke Doucet, who produced



the disc and is married to McClelland, as his twangy sheen is all over the record.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### k-os

Album: Yes

Label: Universal

Rating: ●●●●½

### SINCE KHEAVEN

**BRERETON** released his first record in 2003, he's been masterfully melding rock, hip-hop and R&B into a thought-provoking cross-genre soup of sounds. On his latest, however, the Trinidadian-born, Toronto-raised musician dives full force into rap, leaving the more "rock" rhymes to Emily Haines, Nelly Furtado and other Canadian artists. Yes is



probably k-os' most focused, and intriguing record to date. Minimalist electro-drums on Astronaut, the Love Buzz bass line on Uptown Girl, and a weird use of the OC's theme song prove that even though there aren't any big riffs, Brereton's still got plenty of tricks up his sleeve.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Billy Ray Cyrus

Album: Back To Tennessee

Label: Disney/Universal

Rating: ●●

### DOES THIS

**MAN** have no shame? It's not so much that Cyrus is trying to kickstart his dead-end career on the back of his mega-rich daughter,



## MusicReviews

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but it's the fact that he's actually released a mainstream country album on the Disney label. Does he honestly think that legions of Hannah Montana fans are going to rush out and buy this simply because their idol was spawned from his seed? Some of them will no doubt find comfort in the fact that the biggest hit on the album is the "bonus track" Butterfly Fly Away, a duet with Miley. To be fair, there are some decent tracks here — He's Mine and Love Is The Lesson.

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# Gone to the doc

## NFL star Vick trying to land TV deal

**Michael Vick is hoping to play the reality game.**

The incarcerated NFL star has talked to producers about launching an unscripted program. The proposed documentary series would follow Vick beginning July 20, the day of his scheduled release from federal custody, and show him trying to "make amends for his past."

Sources said eager producers even visited the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback in prison in the hope of signing him. As a result, a few parties claim to have obtained rights to a Vick project.

Vick is serving a 23-month sentence for dog-fighting conspiracy. His attorneys did not return a call for comment, but they told a judge this month at a bankruptcy hearing that Vick has agreed to a "television documentary deal" that will pay him \$600,000.

That number represents only a small portion of what Vick is asking for, however. The athlete, who



NFL star Michael Vick is currently serving a 23-month prison term for dog-fighting conspiracy.

reportedly owes millions to creditors, is seeking a high-dollar figure for participation in the show.

Among the questions surrounding such a deal is the matter of which network would be interested in a Vick reality show. Insiders place bets on A&E and Spike TV as likely first stops.

"It sure won't be Animal Planet," more than one source quipped.

The Vick reality marketplace appears to be larger than that of another tabloid

figure seeking a reality-show bailout: Nadya "Octomom" Suleman, who despite headlines suggesting otherwise, has struggled to find a cable network willing to adopt her as part of its programming family.

If Vick's show finds a home, he wouldn't be the first celebrity to get help with legal fees from TV networks. Producer Mark Burnett locked up Martha Stewart for a version of The Apprentice and her daytime talk show Martha before she was released from federal prison in 2005. There also have been pre-prison countdown reality shows, including Lil Kim's Countdown to Lockdown on BET in 2006 and T.I.'s Road to Redemption this year on MTV.

Vick's incarceration already has inspired one series: National Geographic Channel's DogTown devoted the opening episode of its second season to the rehabilitation of 22 of Vick's traumatized pit bulls.

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## Law & Order: SVU returning for 11th

**SEASON** NBC has renewed Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, but the two stars of the show, Mariska Hargitay and Christopher Meloni, still have no deals to return. The network has closed a pact with Wolf Films to bring the veteran crime drama back for an 11th season.

## Booker winner coming to film

**ADAPTATION** The White Tiger, the Man Booker Prize-winning novel about class tensions in contemporary India, has been optioned for a film adaptation. Smuggler Films, the newly formed company of producer John Hart (Revolutionary Road), has acquired rights to Aravind Adiga's debut novel for its first project. **REUTERS**

## Kenya's Style

**Kenya Hunt**

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	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet	Market Call	Market Call	Headline	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Business News	Squeeze Play
	70	BNN	504 508	Squeeze Play	Market Call	Market Call	Headline	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Business News	Squeeze Play
	20	TSN	400 400	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	SportsCenter (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCenter (HDTV) (Live)	Motoring 2009	Motoring 2009	Motoring 2009	Score Golf	Motorcycle	Poker
	23	net	408 418	(6) MLB Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at Minnesota Twins.	Sportsnet Connected	Pinks - All Out (HDTV)	Sportsnet Connected	Pinks - All Out (HDTV)	Score Update	Prime Time	Prime Time
	47	SPEED	417 406	Bullrun (HDTV)	Score Tonight	America's Next Top Model	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Score Update	Prime Time	Prime Time
	9	EDACC	267 351	Alberta Primetime (Live)	Score Tonight	America's Next Top Model	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Hardcore Hockey Talk	Score Update	Prime Time	Prime Time
	14	YTV	552 543	Drake & Josh	iCarly	True Jackson	H2O, Just Add	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	In Real Life	Falcon Beach	Falcon Beach
	17	TRE3	553 546	Little Bear	Maggie-Beast	Comfy Couch	Zigby	Max & Ruby	Barbar	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	42	TOON	555 545	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Ultimate Avengers: The Movie	Ned's School
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School
	-	TVA	121 714	TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Dépenses xtr	Histoires-filles	La Classe de 5e (HDTV) (SC)	Destination Nor'Ouest (SC)	Destination Nor'Ouest (SC)	TVA 22 heures	TVA 22 heures
	18	CMT	575 583	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba
	25	A&E	615 520	The First 48 (HDTV) (N)	The Beast "Counterfeit"	The Beast "Counterfeit"	The Beast "Counterfeit"	The Beast "Counterfeit"	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48	The First 48
	26	MMM	571 581	Mariah Carey: Mimi	Entourage	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	(9:04) The Daily Fix	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped
	29	FOOD	603 561	Chef Jeff Project (N)	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Love-Death	Love-Death	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Trailer Park
	31	SHOW	617 522	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	The Outer Limits	The Outer Limits	Daily Planet	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Sank, Titanic	Sank, Titanic
	32	DISC	520 505	Sank, Titanic	Time Warp	X-Weighted	Style by Jury	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives OC	Trading Sp	Trading Sp
	33	SLICE	601 562	X-Weighted "Sharla"	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Divine Design
	34	W	602 567	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	American Chopper	American Chopper	Heli-Loggers (HDTV)	Overhaul'n	Overhaul'n
	35	TLC	521 560	American Chopper (N)	Life Through	Life Through	Life Through	Law & Order "City Hall"	Without a Trace "Run"	Without a Trace "Run"	Picture Claire	Picture Claire
	36	BRAVO	520 523	Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel (N)	Life Through	Life Through	Life Through	UFC 97 Countdown	MANswers	GameTrailers	MANswers	MANswers
	38	SPIKE	628 584	TNA Wrestling (HDTV) (N)	NCIS "Identity Crisis"	NCIS "Identity Crisis"	NCIS "Identity Crisis"	Sea Hunters	Ancient Discoveries	Ancient Discoveries	Dig for Truth	Dig for Truth
	40	HIST	522 506	Go Deep "Subshop"	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Trek: Voyager	Trek: Voyager
	41	COM	626 547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Chuck	Just for Laughs	Comer Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	VIP	VIP
	43	SPACE	627 528	Ghost Hunters	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Trek: Voyager	Trek: Voyager
	44	WPCN	694 650	Friends	Friends	The Last Boy Scout *** (1991, Action)	Bruce Willis.	Departures	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	46	OLN	411 457	Mantracker	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	48	TROP	619 525	What Happen?	What Happen?	Vanity Insanity	Inside Hollywood	Departures	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	50	STAR	621 527	American Idol Extra (N)	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	TMZ	etalk	The View (HDTV)	Ellen Show	Ellen Show
	52	HGTV	600 554	Disaster DIY	Big Amazing	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes in New Orleans	Disaster DIY	Disaster DIY	Big Amazing	Holmes/Oreans
	65	TLN	700 800	(6) Night Club * (1989)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez	George Lopez	The Sopranos (SS)	Paid Program	Paid Program
	92	APTN	269 350	Warriors: TKO	Wapros Bay	By the Rapids	renegadeexpress	Feeling Minnesota ** (1996, Comedy-Drama)	Keanu Reeves.	Feeling Minnesota ** (1996, Comedy-Drama)	Keanu Reeves.	Feeling Minnesota ** (1996, Comedy-Drama)
	93	VISION	261 394	Francis of Assisi *** (1961, Biography)	Dolores Hart	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Francis of Assisi (1961, Biography)	Francis of Assisi (1961, Biography)	Francis of Assisi (1961, Biography)	Francis of Assisi (1961, Biography)
	100	MTV	581 566	The Hills	Taking the Stage (N)	The Hills	Taking the Stage (N)	MTV Live	After Show	Daddy's Girls	Degrassi: TNG	Technical Diff.
	101	MTN	570 580	Daddy's Girls	Degrassi: TNG	Live at Much Beyond.	Live at Much Beyond.	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Daddy's Girls	Degrassi: TNG	Technical Diff.
	102	CPAC	612 396	(6:30) Primetime Politics	Passion	Passion	Passion	Question Period	Question Period	Question Period	Question Period	Question Period
	103	RIVA	526 507	Most Haunted	Passion	Passion	Passion	Psychic Inv.	Encounters	Judging Amy "Legacy"	Most Haunted	Most Haunted
	106	RDI	126 730	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	Le National	Le National	Le National	Le National	Le National
	161	SUPER		My Mom's New Boyfriend (2008)	(8:45) Starship Troopers 3: Marauder ** (2008)	(8:45) Starship Troopers 3: Marauder ** (2008)	(8:45) Starship Troopers 3: Marauder ** (2008)	Ripple Effect (2007, Drama)	Ripple Effect (2007, Drama)	Ripple Effect (2007, Drama)	Ripple Effect (2007, Drama)	Ripple Effect (2007, Drama)

## critics'corner

### Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel

What could have been a Cinderella story of a historic old building restored to its former glory is instead a compelling commentary on the effects of gentrification. Neil Graham and Derreck Roemer chronicle five years in the life of the Toronto hotel, a flophouse whose new owners attempt to transform it into a hip hangout, to the dismay of the longtime residents and staff. Let's just say things don't go according to plan. 7 PM on BRAVO



### 30 Rock

Workaholic Liz (Tina Fey) must find a way to occupy her time during a short-term suspension from work. Jack (Alec Baldwin) asks Jenna (Jane Krakowski) to use her star power to create promotional buzz when the film studio has second thoughts about releasing her Janis Joplin biopic. Tracy Morgan and Jack McBrayer co-star in the new episode "Jackie Jorpp-Jomp." 10:30 PM on CKEM



Turns out that Hills star Spencer Pratt has political aspirations. "I don't know if I'll be getting elected any time in the next century or so, but I'm definitely going after mayor of L.A. and at least governor," Pratt says, according to Pop Sugar. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Governor Pratt?

## Celebrity Buzz

### Jackson's toy auction called off

**INCOME** Looks like that big auction of Michael Jackson's toys and trinkets from Neverland Ranch isn't happening. The singer had originally agreed to the auction to help pay off his massive debts, but cancelled it after booking a series of high-paying shows in London this summer. Now, as part of a settlement with Julien's Auction House, Jackson gets to keep the nearly 2,000 items, according to TMZ.

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### Shia undergoes another surgery

**HEALTH** Shia LeBeouf is on the third surgery for the injury he sustained in a car accident last year — and he says he'll never fully regain use of his left hand. "I'll be able to make a fist again," the actor tells Entertainment Weekly. "There's a knuckle I'll never be able to move again, but that's probably the only permanent damage, other than the scarring."

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### Geri's already found a new man

**DATING** Her engagement to Italian yacht tycoon Fabrizio Politi ended a month ago, but Geri Halliwell has already found somebody new. The former Spice Girl was caught canoodling with British aristocrat Henry Beckwith on a luxurious ski trip in France, according to the Daily Mail.

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## Tense home gave away Mel's marriage troubles

**DIVORCE** A source close to Mel and Robyn Gibson — who this week announced they were divorcing after 28 years of marriage — alleges that the atmosphere in the couple's home was often a giveaway that things were not right between the couple, people.com reports.

"The tension between Mel and Robyn was obvious. Even during family dinners, they wouldn't speak sometimes. Robyn would pretend that everything was perfect. No one would ever dare to ask her how she and Mel were doing," the source tells People.

The problems seemed to become evident three years ago, the magazine al-

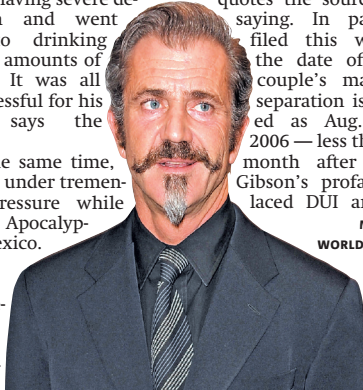
leges. "During the summer of 2005 the whole family had a great time hanging out at the Gibson's Malibu beach house, but at the beginning of (2006), Mel started having severe depression and went back to drinking massive amounts of alcohol. It was all very stressful for his wife," says the source.

"At the same time, Mel was under tremendous pressure while filming *Apocalypse in Mexico*.

The movie got delayed because of terri-

ble rainstorms... Mel's drinking got out of control because it was very difficult for him to deal with the pressure of producing the movie," people.com quotes the source as saying. In papers filed this week, the date of the couple's marital separation is listed as Aug. 26, 2006 — less than a month after Mel Gibson's profanity-laced DUI arrest.

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## Paris is up for online excellence award

**SEND-UP** Paris Hilton's presidential campaign has been nominated for an award, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The socialite's spoof Paris for President online videos — made in response to an ad referring to the blond star in Senator John McCain's campaign — is up for a Webby Award, which recognizes excellence on the Internet. Hilton's clip, produced for FunnyOrDie.com,

is nominated for Best Comedy: Individual Short. Other nominees include Jack Black, Rashida Jones and Neil Patrick Harris for *Prop 8: The Musical* — which is also up for best writing — and Rob Corddry's *Children's Hospital* starring Megan Mullally. Voting is open to anyone at

ds.com until April 30, and the winners will be announced on May 5. The winners of the 13th annual Webby Awards will be honored at a gala in New York on June 8, hosted by Saturday Night Live star Seth Myers.

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## Economy may hamper Britney's tour plans

**LEGALITIES** Britney Spears' father has been seeking permission from a judge to expand the pop star's current Circus tour — but the dour economy may hamper those plans, it was revealed in a Los Angeles courtroom Tuesday, people.com reports.

The pop star, 27, is halfway into a 49-show tour through Canada, the U.S. and the U.K., with hopes to add more dates through Europe, Australia and a possible second U.S. tour. "It hasn't yet been determined whether it's feasible to expand tours to the Europe or Australia legs," L.A. Superior Court Commissioner Reva Goetz said following a

closed-door discussion with Jamie and his lawyers. "That will be determined in the future after everyone's seen the analysis, in terms of the economy and value of the dollar," Goetz added.

Spears and another lawyer hold indefinite legal control over his daughter following her two forced hospitalizations last year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## Drew, Justin are on again

**ROMANCE** Drew Barrymore showed up to the premiere of her new HBO film, *Grey Gardens*, with a familiar face tagging along: On-again, off-again boyfriend Justin Long.

The two are supposedly not currently dating, though they are set to work together again in the upcoming *Going the Distance*.

But just because she brought Long along doesn't mean Barrymore wants to talk about it. When asked by *Us Weekly* what it was like having boyfriend Justin Long there, the actress smiled and quickly rushed into the theatre with co-star Jessica Lange without saying a word.

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## Jamie's sorry for picking on Miley

**CELEB DUST-UPS** Jamie Foxx would like to take back some of the things that he said about Miley Cyrus — like that she should release a sex tape and take drugs. "I so apologize, and this is sincere," Foxx said while visiting Jay Leno's talk show. "I am a come-

dian, and you guys know that whatever I say, I don't mean any of it. And sometimes, as we do, we go a little bit too far."

In other Cyrus news, the Hannah Montana star is being honored by Peta2, the youth outreach arm of PETA. The group has decided to give Cyrus a Compassionate Citizen Award for

her work with animals on her latest movie.

The actress even grew so attached to the chickens she worked with that she decided to take one home. "She is funny with animals" her co-star Jason Earles tells Fox News. "She was like, 'I have to have that chicken.' She falls in love like you wouldn't believe." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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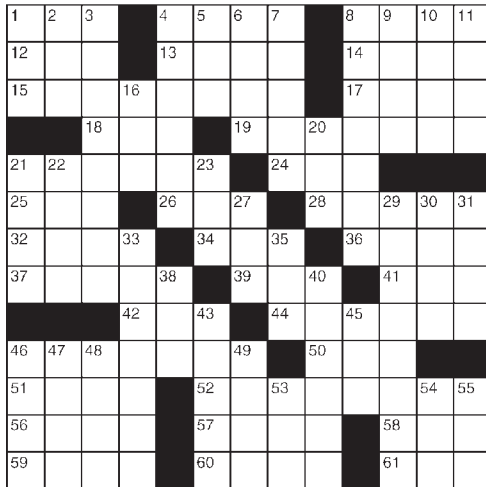


**Saturday**  
Light rain  
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## Take Five



### Crossword across

- |                               |                        |                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Auction action              | 25 "— was saying..."   | feature                  |
| 4 Presentation                | 26 Fix the sound-track | 46 Montgolfier transport |
| 8 A-number-1                  | 28 Doppler device      | 50 Torched               |
| 12 Blackjack component        | 32 Heckle              | 51 Margarine             |
| 13 Emanation                  | 34 Space               | 52 Wreck                 |
| 14 Make a lasting impression? | 36 Bigfoot's cousin    | 56 "— it roman-tic?"     |
| 15 JFK or LBJ, e.g.           | 37 Nerdy guy           | 57 History chap-ters     |
| 17 Waikiki wingding           | 39 Joke                | 58 Not paleo-            |
| 18 Rowing need                | 41 Off-tattooed word   | 59 Oodles                |
| 19 Granting permission        | 42 Branch              | 60 Lomond is one         |
| 21 Cold season                | 44 Four-poster         | 61 Wander about          |
| 24 Uncivilized                |                        |                          |

### Crossword down

- |                      |                        |                         |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Awful              | 22 "— Mommy            | 45 Zilch                |
| 2 "Rocks"            | Kissing Santa Claus"   | 46 Seethe               |
| 3 Portray as satanic | 23 Obvious hair-piece  | 47 As well              |
| 4 Holy               | 27 Satchel             | 48 Fast time?           |
| 5 "Ben- —"           | 29 Reducing in rank    | 49 Infamous lyre player |
| 6 Exam format        | 30 On                  | 53 Singer Davis         |
| 7 "Just add —"       | 31 Frost-covered world | 54 The Red or the Black |
| 8 D.C. social        | 33 Ardent enthusiasts  | 55 Coal carrier         |
| 9 Needle case        | 35 — -10 Conference    |                         |
| 10 Read briefly      | 38 Street address?     |                         |
| 11 Hoodlum           | 40 Overshoe            |                         |
| 16 Feedbag bit       | 43 Runway VIP          |                         |
| 20 Paving gunk       |                        |                         |
| 21 Hospital section  |                        |                         |

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

C	P	A	R	E	A	P	R	A	C	E	1	3	7	8	9	2	6	4	5
O	A	F	E	C	R	U	E	L	A	N	4	2	5	3	6	1	7	8	9
D	N	A	P	O	S	T	U	L	A	T	6	9	8	4	7	5	1	2	3
A	G	R	E	E	T	R	Y				8	1	9	2	5	6	4	3	7
											7	6	2	1	4	3	9	5	8
T	A	B	U	L	A	T	E				5	4	3	7	8	9	2	6	1
E	R	E									9	7	4	6	3	8	5	1	2
E	G	A	D								3	5	1	9	2	4	8	7	6
M	O	T	T								2	8	6	5	1	7	3	9	4
S	T	I	P	U	L	A	T	E											
S	O	R	E																
W	E	A	R																

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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min.....Smart
Under 13 min.....Genius	21-25 min.....Not bad
13-17 min.....Scholar	25+ min.....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Chesapeake Crab Cakes

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1 celery stalk with leaves, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup finely chopped and seeded red pepper
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) minced shallot
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) finely chopped parsley
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) coarse Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Old Bay seasoning
- 1 lb (500 g) lump crabmeat, picked through
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil

#### METHOD:

- Mix bread crumbs, celery, red pepper, shallot, parsley, mustard, mayonnaise, egg whites and Old Bay seasoning in large bowl. Fold in crabmeat.
- Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Spread flour on waxed paper. Divide crab

mixture into 8 mounds, then form into patties with floured hands. Dredge in flour.

3. Lightly coat non-stick frying pan with non-stick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Cook 4 crab cakes until brown, about 2 minutes on each side. Drizzle 1 tsp (5 ml) oil around crab cakes, gently shaking pan to spread oil, right after turning crab cakes over. Transfer to plate lined with paper towels. Repeat with remaining crab cakes and oil.

4. Lightly coat baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray, place crab cakes on sheet, and bake until very hot in centre, 8 to 10 minutes.

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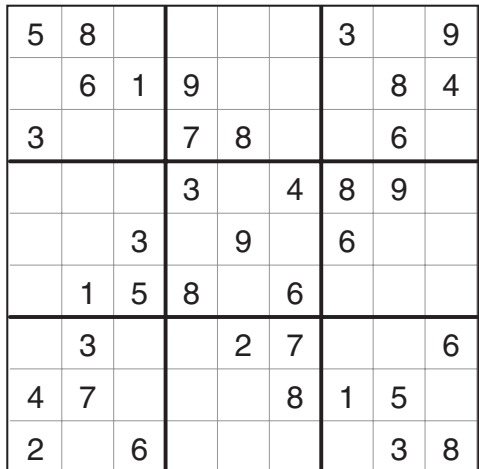
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### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### Horoscopes

- ARIES** **MARCH 21-APRIL 20** Deal with health issues one at a time. Jealousy makes you laugh. Count your blessings in an unbelievable situation.
- TAURUS** **APRIL 21-MAY 21** A lazy person reveals deep-seated greed. Play it safe by speaking out. Limit your involvement with a sneaky old friend.
- LIBRA** **SEPT 23-OCT 23** A victory will be a vindication. A perplexing situation arises at the last minute. Maintain your silence about trashy treasures.
- SCORPIO** **OCT 24-NOV 22** Reorganizing causes wonderful changes. Help a friend to take it easy. You can nurture hope for a sweetheart.

- GEMINI** **MAY 22-JUNE 21** Be bold to defeat bashfulness. Trust affection to win over a friend. Say goodbye to a painful past.
- SAGITTARIUS** **NOV 23-DEC 21** A sentimental person exposes a new passion to you. Don't judge someone who lives in despair. Shake off your qualms by learning the facts.
- CANCER** **JUNE 22-JULY 22** Pardon an annoying coward who left a mess. An insulting accusation creates anxiety. An astounding dream leads you to good fortune.
- CAPRICORN** **DEC 22-JAN 20** Gambling causes a breach in a weak relationship. A shameless person is enthusiastic. There's a pointless argument over a ridiculous rule.

- LEO** **JULY 23-AUG 23** A problem will be solved if you play it cool. Defences could engage your fight-or-flight mechanism. Don't let a bad phone call ruin communication.
- AQUARIUS** **JAN 21-FEB 18** You won't want to heed any cries for help. An oddball gets ignored in public. A judgmental woman ridicules signs of growing older.
- VIRGO** **AUG 24-SEPT 22** Try to hide some slobby personal habits. Unexpected demands widen your perspective. Change your tactics when mercy is shown.
- PISCES** **FEB 19-MARCH 20** A youngster wants you to take charge. The odds can be beaten. An entertaining adventurer attracts attention.

### This day in history

- APRIL 16, 1912: Harriet Quimby becomes the first woman to fly an airplane across the English Channel.
- APRIL 16, 1917: Vladimir Lenin returns to Petrograd from exile in Switzerland.
- APRIL 16, 1943: Dr. Albert Hofmann discovers the psychedelic effects of LSD.
- APRIL 16, 1990: The "Doctor of Death" Jack Kevorkian, goes through with his first assisted suicide.
- APRIL 16, 2007: Virginia Tech shooting: Gunman Seung-Hui Cho, shoots 32 people to death and injures 23 others before committing suicide.

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### WORDY GURDY

- BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
- Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.
- Coquettish Behar of "The View" (1)
  - Additional ones saw logs in bed (1)
  - Chooses a cereal not for rabbits (1)
  - Airport boarding site after seven (1)
  - One tugging hard on a ship-holding device (2)
  - NBA legend Jordan's repeated series (2)
  - Equally splitting heading a committee (2)

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